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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the national phase entry of the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please delete claims 1-19 and add the following new claims:

--20. A method for remotely monitoring or controlling activities within multiple facilities geographically dispersed within at least one wireless network adapted to transmit GSM short messages to allow the facilities to communicate with other terminals without making a wireless telephone call, the method comprising:

- (a) providing the selected facility with a gateway comprising a processor, a transceiver and a SIM card adapted to transmit short messaging service messages;
- (b) periodically causing the gateway to formulate a short message reporting on activities within the selected facility at which the gateway is located;
- (c) transmitting the message over the GSM network via a Short Messaging Center coupled to a Mobile Switching Center within the GSM network; and
- (d) receiving the message at a terminal selected from a group of devices consisting of a mobile station, a workstation and a central processor.